Departmental English Schools in Kuttanad.

21. **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of departmental English Schools in Kuttanad?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Three.

Land assigned to Backward Communities.

22. **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased to state the total extent of land assigned to backward communities in 1114?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: 373 acres and 4·945 cents upto the end of Mithunam 1114

Alleppey-Changanacherry Canal.

23. **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the work of the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal has begun;

(*b*) the amount required for its completion; and

(*c*) the reasons for not continuing the said work till now;

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) 11 years.

(*b*) Rs. 28,300.

(*c*) The general economic depression and the unwillingness of the people to surrender the required lands free of cost.

Kayal Reclamations.

24. **Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to their notice that kayal reclamations of the same *tharam* are assessed differently;

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: Lands of the same *tharam* are not assessed differently. A reduction of the original assessment in respect of R block was however allowed for special reasons.

Compounders in the Medical Department.

25. **Mr. James Fletcher**: (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the list of compounders recruited by the Public Service Commissioner in the Medical Department from 1936 with their caste or community, date of appointment and date of relief?

(2) Will they be pleased to furnish a list, by caste, of those compounders who have been confirmed after 1936?

(3) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any of those compounders have been confirmed;

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